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## Too many staff on fundraising committee, councillors say

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

During a Nov. 14 meeting, members of Minden Hills council expressed concern that too many township staff on the fundraising committee for the arena project is a drain on township resources, and causing members of the public to quit the committee.

Struck during the summer, the fundraising committee has had a few meetings throughout the fall. Its goal is to raise \$750,000 for "value-added items that enhance the project outcomes and to potentially offset some of the financing costs of the project," according to a previous report from community service director Mark Coleman.

The \$13-million project, which will include a new arena with NHL-sized rink, six change rooms, a gymnasium with elevated walking track, and new office space for community services staff, is scheduled to be completed

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Win on home ice: Red Hawks players Braeden Robinson, left, Brendan Coumbs and Dylan Keefer come together to celebrate the seventh goal, capping the 7-0 win over the visiting Mustangs on Tuesday, Nov. 19 in Haliburton. Read more on page 22./DARREN LUM Staff

## Two titles for Koehler at dryland dog race

by SUE TIFFIN  
Times Staff

Karen Koehler is a national champion, and so is Buncho.

The pair, Koehler a world-class skijoring athlete living in Carnarvon, and Buncho, a three-year-old German shorthaired pointer, picked up titles at the 10th annual Bristol

Dryland National Canadian Championship Dog Race held Oct 25 to 27.

"This is the first year we had an official Canadian championship, which is really exciting, and I won two titles so that's really cool," said Koehler.

Koehler won first in the one-dog bikejor for women in her age group, and first in the one-dog scooter race.

"It's exciting," said Koehler of the wins and accomplishments in two other races that

weekend. "I was really hoping it would happen because I've done really well in the circuits over the years, and my team is getting older. I know that I'm going to start trailing off in my competitiveness just because my dogs are aging. I was wondering if I was going to miss having such a title."

Koehler has participated and placed in races around the world, including at the International Federation of Sleddog Sports

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# Salvage Kings feature rare B-A collection from Minden

by SUE TIFFIN  
Times Staff

Last week, viewers watching *Salvage Kings*, a Canadian television series that features demolition and salvage teams from Priestly Demolition Inc., caught a glimpse of Minden in a segment featuring a rare British-American oil collection that once belonged to beloved Kawartha Dairy businessman, Don Crowe.

The episode, entitled 'Let the games begin,' is the ninth in season one of the show, which airs on the History Channel, and aired three times last week beginning Nov. 10.

"Family patriarch Vic brings Julien and Ted on a road trip to Northern Ontario to salvage a pair of vintage gas pumps to add to his personal collection," reads the description of the first segment of the show, lasting just under 15 minutes.

In the episode, Vic Priestly, the company founder of Priestly Demolition, tells his team they're going to pick up what the narrator refers to as "an amazing collection of British-American gas pumps and signs."

"We've got a pick to go to," says Priestly. "We're going to Minden, we're going to go get that B-A stuff I've been telling you about, up at Kawartha Dairy."

The team travels to the quonset hut located on the Crowe property next to Kawartha Dairy on Hwy 35, and begin collecting what Vic has purchased from Don's family. He died in 2017. British-American oil collectibles, including vintage globe-style and electric gas pumps, vintage signs, even an oil can estimated to be from 1914-era, complete with a still intact paper label. Craig Crowe, son of Don, was on hand to help as the team gathered the collection. Though



Craig Crowe, left, was seen on an episode of *Salvage Kings* when his dad's rare B-A collection was featured on the show. Screenshot from *Salvage Kings*, Season 1, Episode 9.

he said he tried to stay out of the shot, he admits he couldn't stay far because he wanted to help, and ended up signing a waiver so that scenes in which he appeared could be aired. At one point, after the team tries to collect a massive B-A sign from the outside of the quonset hut, a Kawartha Dairy truck is driven to the entrance of the building to assist in getting the team close enough to retrieve it.

"I'm tall but I'm not tall enough to reach it from that bucket," says Ted Finch in the episode. "Luckily, there's a Kawartha Dairy truck there we can stand on."

Craig said the B-A collection was revered by his dad.

"He always said that the B-A stuff, when anything ever happened to him, that it was kind of up to us," said Craig. "His wishes

were for us to keep everything. But when you can't maintain it and do stuff like he was doing, it's pretty hard."

The B-A collection was especially valued because the company, which was incorporated in 1906 and amalgamated into the Gulf brand in 1969 according to the episode, was defunct.

"[Dad] knew it was rare," said Craig. "It was very rare. There's not too many people who have B-A stuff. Dad was a pretty top-end collector, he didn't just go and collect anything, he collected the stuff that was very rare. Dad would never tell you how much he paid for it, he would tell you, 'too much.' He knew it was going to cost him money to get that stuff because that company was out of business and had been for a long time."

Priestly has been a longtime family friend, who Craig remembers from his own childhood memories, and is a collector himself who understands the value of the collection.

"Knowing it's going to him, it was OK," he said. "I mean, still, every time I go up and see that shed now with the stuff gone off the front of it ... you know, of course you always think of Dad all the time, but knowing it went to Vic, I think it kind of makes it a lot better, and knowing the fact that he's not going to go pick it apart and sell it and make a profit off of it, he's got it for himself. That's kind of the reason we did that. Because, you know, you could sell it piece by piece and have no idea what was going to happen to it. But Dad spent a lot of time, a lot of time and money and effort and all that stuff. He hooked it all up himself. You hate to see it go. But like the old saying, all good things have to come to an end, right? But knowing that Vic has it is certainly a bonus."

On the episode, the whole collection was valued at more than \$30,000. Craig did not reveal the selling price.

For Craig and his family, that it is going to Priestly where they hope it will be a pride of the family as it is passed throughout generations, is priceless.

"I really think, the biggest thing about that, is that I think my Dad would have approved of that," said Craig. "If anybody was going to take it, it would be him that he would want to have it, for sure, I think."

A shot of Ted and Julien eating Kawartha Dairy ice cream after the hard work of moving the collection is seen near the end of the segment.

The full episode of *Salvage Kings*, Season 1, Episode 9 featuring Don Crowe's B-A collection can be watched at <https://www.history.ca/shows/salvage-kings>.



## MINDEN HILLS COMMUNITY CENTRE RENEWAL PROJECT OPEN HOUSE & TOUR

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# Koehler's dogs thrive on racing, athlete says

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World Championships held at Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve in 2017 and at a fun run she organized and held at Killara Station on Gelert Road this past spring.

The first Canadian championship was held in Bristol, Quebec, at a site run by Denis Rozon, who has a trail system in place there where he hosts Timberland Tours Dog Sled Adventures.

"It has been a site for 10 years that has held an amazing dry-land race, which attracts American and Canadian competitors from far and wide," said Koehler, noting that Rozon pitched the idea of the Canadian Championships being held there for the 10th anniversary of his race.

The world championships were held at the same location in 2015.

"I was at that event too," said Koehler. "He runs a really good, good show."

This year's races were thrilling for Koehler and her dogs, who she began adopting in 2011 from Norway – prior to that she had adopted older dogs.

"So I have four of those guys now that I've raised since they were puppies," she said, acknowledging that they each ran some of their best races around the age of three.

"You don't know how your dogs are going to be, but each one of them I feel I've brought up to this level, and I've been so lucky to have four dogs that were as good as the others at the same age," she said. "So yeah, it's really exciting. Part of that would be the work I did with them because they're all different."

The dogs, said Koehler, thrive on the races.

"Often after races in training they're more energized, and it's really cool, that really shows me how much they enjoy that whole feel - other dogs around, and mom's really focused!"

Koehler said one of the experiences the dogs love is that they all sleep in the tent with her and her husband Rob Sargent, who forgo a hotel room in favour of splurging on a nice meal at events.

"In terms of celebration for the dogs after a race, they usually run into Rob's arms for a big hug at the end of the course," she said. "I usually am tackled by the people trying to get my bib so it takes me a bit longer to get to the dogs to thank them for their effort. They are just glad they got to run. When the other dogs are getting their turn to run they bark that they want to come too. They get excited the minute you put on your coat or move a piece of equipment. They are upset when they see me take off for personal training without them, but I have to do my share to be a proper member of the team!"

Koehler also credited Rob's support and said she thinks of him as a Canadian champion as well.

"[He does all] those things that take time and energy away in my busy life trying to balance work to help pay for everything and time to train/play with the dogs so we can perform our best at races," she said. "Our racing success is an all-in family effort from human and furry members."

Koehler expects next year's championships to also be held



Karen Koehler and Buncho working on their Canadian Championship win in one-dog scooter. /Photo by Robert Sargent

in Quebec.

*The Muttskateers*, a rhyming book written and illustrated by Koehler about the dogs and the adventure of the sport, has sold more than 100 copies. It's available at Algonquin

Outfitters.

For more information about the championship, visit [bristol-dryland.ca](http://bristol-dryland.ca).

## Health unit calls for affordable housing solutions

Ahead of National Housing Day on Friday, Nov. 22, the local health unit has raised issue with both the affordability and availability of housing in Haliburton County, saying that safe, secure housing leads to better overall health.

On Tuesday, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit issued a press release asking the public to lobby government to build more affordable housing and to welcome new developments and renovations that would bring affordable housing, including rentals, to the area.

The average price for a home in the Highlands is \$247,950 for a non-waterfront property, the health unit said, crediting local realtors for the information. Three-bedroom apartments cost \$1,450 per month, with very low vacancy rates.

"Stable housing plays a key role in a person's health, according to the Ontario Medical Association," said Mary Lou Mills, a public health nurse with the health unit. "A safe, secure place to live can help people gain employment, enjoy food security, and access social services and health care. Stable housing can also help people who are recovering from

mental illness and addiction. These findings are worrisome because they highlight the lack of affordable housing in Haliburton County – both to buy and rent – and the toll it can take on people's health."

Those without safe, secure housing have a harder time finding a job, which in turn makes it hard to afford housing. Older adults on fixed incomes can be particularly vulnerable, especially those with health problems.

According to the health unit, "17.2 per cent of Haliburton County residents live in poverty (the poverty rate for children 17 years of age and younger is higher at 22.9 per cent)."

The living wage - the amount needed to provide the necessities based on the costs of goods and services in the community - has been calculated at at least \$19.42 an hour for a family of two adults and two children with both parents working full time.

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# Three community members remain on committee

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before the 2020/21 ice season. The township will borrow up to \$12.5 million from Infrastructure Ontario to cover the costs, with any lending above \$11.9 million required to come back to council table for approval.

The minutes from an Oct. 22 meeting of the community centre fundraising working group stated two residents who'd been members of the fundraising group had resigned, and it was indicated during the Nov. 14 council meeting that a third member of the public would also be resigning, leaving three members of the public on the committee, alongside Mayor Brent Devolin, and four of the township's senior staff.

Those staff members include Coleman, treasurer/chief administrative officer Lorrie Blanchard, economic development, destination and marketing officer Emily Stonehouse and deputy clerk Shannon Prentice.

Councillor Bob Carter said having four senior staff members dedicating time to arena fundraising was unacceptable.

"I can understand that on the project itself that we have staff involved . . . but this is a fundraising group," Carter said, likening it to a fundraising foundation for, say, the cultural centre or the hospital.

"It's not made up of staff of those institutions."

Carter said most township advisory committees have one member of staff attend meetings.

"I don't understand why we would have four on this," he said, adding it has meant taking staff away from other township bodies, such as its housing task force, on which he sits. "We had a conflict with this . . . we've had staff representation from Emily



The new Minden Hills arena, under construction on Nov. 15. The community centre fundraising working group has set a target of \$750,000 to help with the project's cost. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

[Stonehouse] in this case, and now this takes precedence. And I don't believe this should take precedence over housing whatsoever."

Carter re-iterated the fundraising group was supposed to have been community-driven.

"During the time of pre-approval for the arena, we had cards and letters from folks who were all in support of this arena, and businesses who wanted it, and I hope that they play their role in this fundraising," he said. "We already are short staff. We already have issues with trying to get projects done and now this comes along, and all of the sudden, we're hauling all kinds of staff into it. So, I have a strong objection to this."

Councillor Jean Neville said she thought it made sense to have staff involvement in fun-

draising advertising and social media activity, "but I really don't think we should be influencing any of the decisions made regarding the fundraising, so, I'm wondering how is that handled at this meeting? Is staff standing back and letting them, the committee of our community members, deciding on these fundraising activities and prices and that kind of thing, because I don't think our municipal staff should be interfering with that aspect."

Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell said she agreed with Neville, that outside staff taking care of advertising and social media, "I would like to see this be a complete, standalone committee of just community members."

Schell chaired the meeting in absence of Devolin, who sits on the board of the Eastern

Ontario Regional Network and was away for a meeting. Coleman was also absent from last week's meeting.

Blanchard said initially there was a requirement for six community members on the committee. "There were some challenges in, you know, attendance, of everybody at the meetings," she said.

Blanchard added the primary push behind bringing in staffers as community members resigned was a public tour of the facility the township has scheduled for Nov. 26.

"In terms of decisions, again, it's a very open conversation, it's about staff providing information and then, it does go around the table," Blanchard said, "It literally goes around the table, and conversations are had. We can disagree with one another in the circle of conversation about everything."

"We revisited the price points, we talked about the brochures and the things that were all in draft form," Blanchard said of items discussed during the Oct. 22 meeting of the fundraising group.

"I can see being top-heavy with staff to make it possible for the initial kick-off," Neville said, "but I'm really concerned, that, are we losing committee members because it looks like we're top-heavy with staff. We've got to put out a call for more committee members, because these decisions should be made by the community, not have input in the actual numbers, and that kind of thing [from staff]."

Schell noted that if meetings for the fundraising group are regularly being held at 4:30 p.m., perhaps that's the reason it's losing community members. Schell also said she did not like the optics of staff members

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# Report requested on staffing costs for committee

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outnumbering members of the public.

"Speaking to the model the CAO's talking about, where everybody goes around the table and gives an opinion, well, if you're down to four staff and three members of the public, the members of the public don't really have an opinion," Schell said.

Blanchard clarified that staff members aren't voting. "Staff is just providing input," she said.

Schell said she pictured meetings of the group happening later in the evening, at a time more convenient for members who may work, and for the minutes of that discussion to then be brought back to staff. "That just doesn't feel like this is how that's gone done, to me," she said.

Carter said the involvement of staff with fundraising efforts represented hidden project costs.

"My other point, that I don't want to lose, is that, you know, if we're using staff on this, this is part of the hidden cost that we talked about right at the beginning, how much is this

arena going to cost us," Carter said. "And now we're adding four staff to the project. This is real money. I know that your decision is affecting the housing task force, and it's got to be affecting other projects and other things in the community, and there's a real cost to that. ... I strongly object to this. I don't know where to bring it, other than to the CAO, but the fact that we're losing an invaluable resource on something as important as housing for some fundraising ... poor planning on their part does not constitute an emergency on our part."

"Council needs to decide ... if you are directing me to pull staff from this, it will likely mean that we're going to have to defer the event on the 26th," Blanchard said.

"In terms of how you go forward, I'm for any direction you want to give me right now," she added.

"I feel that the project is sucking the life out of us as a community at this point, with too many resources," said Councillor Pam Sayne. "We have a climate change action committee also, as well as housing task force, that hasn't had staff."

"We were told this was going to be community-driven fun-

draising," Sayne continued. "This is not community-driven fundraising when you have four senior staff. I would like to see a report on how much money we have spent on staffing on this, to date, I think we need to see that."

"I just don't see this as reasonable," Sayne said. "... I just want to see a report back on this, I think we've got to say this is a community committee, if it's in fact not a community committee, and not driven by the community in the fundraising ... then we've got another problem here, and that needs to be addressed."

The committee is currently chaired by the mayor, and Schell said she'd like to see the committee chaired by a member of the public, and wasn't sure any member of council should be on the fundraising committee. Council members agreed they wanted to see the planned Nov. 26 tour go ahead.

"I just do not believe that we've painted ourselves into this corner, which, I don't think that we have," said Carter. "But, I'll go with the majority and say that until Nov. 26, there can be four members [of staff], but after Nov. 26, absolutely not."

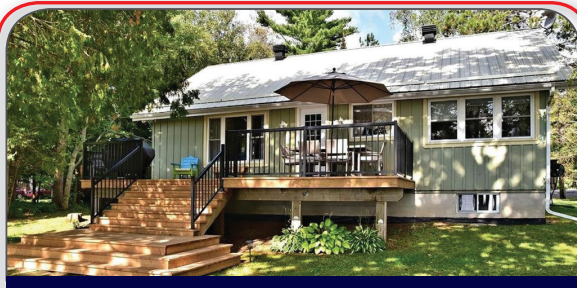


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# Community-driven

“I FEEL THAT THE project is sucking the life out of us a community at this point,” is the way Minden Hills Councillor Pam Sayne put it during a council meeting last week.

Certainly, what became very clear at last week’s meeting is that the arena project, or, specifically, the fundraising surrounding it, is sucking up far too much municipal staff time.

Regular readers of this publication will be familiar with the project, a \$13-million one that includes a new, state-of-the-art arena with NHL-sized rink, six change rooms, new staff office space, a multipurpose gym with elevated walking track, and upgrades to the existing community centre space.

Early in the process, Mayor Brent Devolin said he believed a fundraising campaign to support the project could raise as



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community-driven, had four. What’s more, Carter, who’s prone to making salient points, said the township’s housing task force, on which he sits, would now be lacking the staff member that had been part of it, as she redirects her attention to fundraising for the arena.

That a recreation project should be prioritized in any way over the municipality’s dire lack of affordable housing is audacious. It is unacceptable that the paid time of senior staff is being dedicated to what is supposed to be a fundraising committee consisting

of community members. Minutes from an Oct. 22 meeting of the group indicated that two members of senior staff would be spending time at the office working on fundraising initiatives.

It’s important to recall there are many Minden Hills residents who strongly disapprove of

the project and are very unhappy their tax dollars will be paying for it during the coming decades. Presumably, those same residents will not be thrilled to know more of their tax money is being spent on staff time dedicated to fundraising for the project.

Carter called these hidden costs of the project, and Sayne requested that separate reports showing the associated staff costs be drawn up. Seems like a good and transparent idea.

It was clear the majority of council takes issue with the situation, and, following a planned open house to show progress on the facility in late November, councillors indicated the situation is to be corrected.

Back in the throes of the project’s approval, a number of residents and businesses expressed their support for it. Where are they now? It’s time for them to step up and join the fundraising group.



**KAREN LONDON** Staff

## The stories we hold deer

NOW THAT THE rifle season for deer is done and the many bow hunters are winding down for the year, I think it is only fair that we acknowledge that we are entering a time that is ground zero for this year’s crop of new deer hunting stories.

What I mean by this is that this year’s stories are still basically fresh and, perhaps even reasonably accurate. Try to remember them now, because you will not recognize them this time next year.

In my experience four things immediately begin to happen after a deer is tagged. First, the deer you hear about gains approximately 10 to 20 pounds on each anniversary from there on in. Second, if it happens to be a buck, it gains points in inverse proportion to the amount of photos the hunter showed his or her hunting buddies.

Third, the deer gains rank. For those who have never heard of the deer ranking system it goes something like this:

Fawn, big fawn, doe, big doe, boss doe, giant doe, massive doe, biggest doe you have ever seen. For antlered deer it is buck fawn, button buck, huge button buck, spike, huge spike, (fill in the blanks)-point buck, huge (fill in the blanks)-point buck, massive buck, old monarch, and ancient monarch and swamp ghost, unofficial world record, world record.

Again, each deer gains rank each anniversary. And, if you are talking to people who never hunted with you, the doe you shot might even change sexes and gain antlers.

Lastly, the shot and method of taking the deer gets more unbelievable with each

minute of passing time.

Many hunters will dispute this and tell you that the memory of a deer stays the same. That’s true, especially after it’s tagged. It is the memory of the hunter that changes.

In our defence this is not something we want to happen. If it was, no one would take photos of their deer.

The reason why it happens is similar to why an arms race happens. Both sides gather at a table and size each other up. Then one party makes a claim and the other party feeling insecure, one-ups it. Before long both parties will have laid claim to deer that are big enough to beat the current world record. Of course, neither party has them scored because they don’t want to make a big deal of it.

I’m pretty sure that this has been the way of hunters ever since the first pictograms of deer were painted on the cave wall. I’d bet money that, every

year, in the middle of the night, some hunter went and painted on additional antler tines or made the deer’s body look bigger.

Again, this is not something that hunters are proud of. In fact, it is a problem that some of us are trying to address by using filters on our Photoshop programs to actually decrease the size and number of points on the bucks and does we take. Just between us, I have done this to all the deer I have posted on social media. This is because I think that every deer taken is something to be proud of.

Even that world record I shot in 1982. It was on the run at 300 yards, which isn’t bad for a long bow...



**STEVE GALEA**  
Beyond 35



# IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

## November meanness

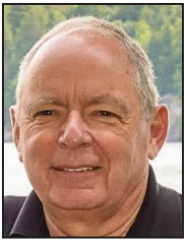
NOVEMBER IS the saddest month.

The second last month of the year carries a realization of growing old, reaching an end. Everything is dying or about to die and the crying starts, in the form of the November rains.

The month enters dark and spooky following Halloween, the haunting evening for ghosts and ghouls. Nov. 1 dawns as All Saints Day when some religions honour the dead who were saintly in their lives. And that's followed by All Souls Day Nov. 2, a day of memorial for all dead.

The month seems to be all about gloom.

There is little life in the woods. Cold and approaching snow have sent birds winging south. The bears have taken to hibernation. Deer are hoofing off to wintering areas where they face less chance of starvation.



**JIM POLING SR.**

*From Shaman's Rock*

The landscape is bleak. Deciduous trees are embarrassed in their nudity, their leafy clothing tossed aside revealing not only their private parts but a wide open view of the terrain that supports them.

The forest floor, revealed totally only briefly in November and April, looks like a battlefield. It is littered with the decaying bodies of the fallen – branches and complete trees that have dropped unseen and silently, victims of age, disease or perhaps vicious winds.

Once vibrant participants in forest life, they are but dark lumps trying to blend into the ground, now turned a sepia tone by the rotting leaves that fell in October.

Everything is different in November. The shocking blue skies that amplified October's brilliance now show sooty grey, the colour of ashes in woodstoves being fired up across the county.

Even the wind is different. It is more often northerly, pushing naked tree branches together, clicking and rasping like dried bones rattling in a bag.

Nature never keeps us in a bleak and sorrowful state for long, however. November is a short month and almost always before it ends the snows come to blanket our dull and weary landscapes.

Not everyone appreciates the whiteness, but it does cloak November's decay. It also heralds more interesting times ahead – winter sports, the joy of the Christmas and New Year's holidays that promise ebullient gatherings with friends and family. And, of course, the Dec. 21 winter solstice that brings increasing hours of daylight and the march toward spring.

November's change from dark decay to snowy whiteness brings hope for days to come after January and February.

But there is something different about November this year. Something nasty and negative.

There's a meanness present this year. A meanness present in all our discussions, whether they be about the country's political divisions or the rightness or wrongness of the firing of television hockey commentator Don Cherry.

For example: Don Cherry is a loud-mouth racist unable to accept the changes in hockey, or in Canadian culture. Or, Don Cherry is an honest and generous person crucified by "left-wing liberal snowflakes." Hard line opinions tainted by meanness and with little rational thought.

There is no middle ground in that discussion, or it seems any other discussion these days. Everything is argued in extremes with a meanness that is becoming a part of our daily lives.

This meanness is a significant social problem. We see it in political debates, schoolyard bullying, domestic abuse and even mistreatment of animals. It is like a virus has drifted in and infected a once stable and reasonable society.

Meanness develops when people feel small and powerless against the changes and pressures in the world around them.

The world today is one of massive change. People lacking the ability to think about change in a reasonable and wise manner feel overwhelmed and helpless. Trying to solve the problems brought by change seems impossible, so they turn to an easy defence – lashing out strongly and with little thought.

Nature understands change as inevitable and an important progression in a natural cycle.

The current cycle of our human civilization is not natural. It is out of whack and nature can do little to help us. We have to do that ourselves.

We won't fix our problems with meanness. Loud swaggering threats never have done much to help define and solve problems.

That's something for our political leaders – in fact all of us – to think about.

### letters to the editor

## Bring your plastic milk bags to the food bank

To the Editor,

What to do with plastic milk bags – the ones that hold three litres of milk, and are sold in every grocery store?

Bring them to the Food Bank where they will magically turn into eight-by-four sleeping pads to be given to people who are forced to sleep on bare ground or perhaps the bare floor. Biting insects avoid the layer of plastic, the pads are washable and easily transportable.

And not only that but each pad keeps more than a thousand bags out of the local dump. There is no necessity to subject this idea to scrutiny by a political entity or task-force or committee of the whole, unless of course some of those officials want to take part in learning how to make good use of garbage litter.

**Jenny Thomas**  
Minden

## Are left turn signals always necessary?

To the Editor,

I'm never in much of a hurry, so I have lots of time to think of these minor annoyances.

Why are the three stop lights on Highway 35 set up with left hand turn signals?

I can't imagine it's a safety issue. The highway is straight and level for a good kilometre in either direction. The traffic volume is so normally low, it doesn't warrant those left hand only robots. I paid attention these past few long weekends. Even at the busiest times, on the busiest days, on the busiest weekends, the left hand turn signals were not necessary, for either safety or courtesy.

I wonder whether this is a municipal issue or a provincial issue? Somebody ought to initiate a discussion with the people that could consider the value of these ridiculous robots.

This is such a minor matter, that it will likely never be addressed by anyone, and even if it was, decision makers would be worried about possible repercussions of change, and take the safe route, and simply dismiss the need for a change.

The consequence will be 1,000s of frustrated motorists each year. No big deal? I guess.

**Jim Aston**  
Minden

## Providing safe drinking water a priority in Minden Hills

The following information is shared from the Ontario Clean Water Agency:

In light of recent media stories regarding high levels of lead found in drinking water, we'd like to assure the residents that the Township of Minden Hills and the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) continue to follow all drinking water treatment protocol and standard operating procedures set out by the regulator, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).

The Township of Minden Hills is currently on a reduced lead sampling plan as a result of low levels of lead over four consecutive sampling periods. The reduced lead sampling plan is regulated by the MECP. 2017 - 2018 sampling results for the Minden distribution system had lead levels between 0.01 ug/L and 0.43 ug/L and the Lutterworth Pines distribution system had lead levels between 0.06 ug/L and 1.96 ug/L for 2016 -2019. These results are well below the maximum accepted concentration of 10 ug/L.

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and the Township of Minden Hills are required to follow all sampling and reporting protocol in accordance with regulations under the Safe Drinking Water Act. If test results were to exceed the acceptable limits of lead in drinking water they would be reported to the MECP as part of OCWA's and the Township of Minden Hills' regular compliance reporting, followed by appropriate corrective action as necessary. These results are also included in the Annual Drinking Water Reports, which are reported to the MECP and made available to the public, as per regulations. Contact the Township of Minden Hills for a copy of the Annual Drinking Water Reports.

The Township of Minden Hills and OCWA are committed to providing safe drinking water.

For more information and accurate updates, please visit our municipal website at [www.minden hills.ca](http://www.minden hills.ca).

- Township of Minden Hills

### DVD of the Month - November



*Leave No Trace* directed by Debra Granik

Will and his 13-year-old daughter Tom live a perfect but mysterious existence off the grid in Forest Park, a beautiful nature reserve near Portland, Oregon. They rarely make contact with the outside world. But when a small mistake tips them off to authorities, the two are quickly turned over to social services, and thus begins an increasingly erratic journey in which they must search, both physically and mentally, for the true meaning of home.

Based on the novel *My Abandonment* by Peter Rock, *Leave No Trace* has been called "a deeply intelligent, complex, finely tuned and observed movie" that deals with those who, for whatever reason, attempt to turn their backs on conventional living and also reject the stigma of homelessness. It boasts a

score of 100 per cent on Rotten Tomatoes, and is one of "Those Other Movies" titles available at the HCPL.



# The Sound of Music to return to Summer Festival

Past president of the Highlands Summer Festival Jack Brezina holds the Lifetime Membership award he received for his 20 years at the helm of the Highlands Summer Festival board. Standing with Brezina on the left is Brian Kipping, president of the Highlands Summer Festival and Scot Denton, artistic producer of Highlands Summer Festival. Brezina received this special recognition at the 2020 Highlands Summer Festival playbill announcement at McKecks on Sunday, Nov. 17. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff



This year's Highlands Summer Festival will kick off with an incredibly popular offering: *The Sound of Music*. The beloved musical, set in Austria during the Second World War, will once again be staged in Haliburton starting June 29.

"Patrons will recall we presented the show in 2004," said Scot Denton, artistic producer, during an announcement on Nov. 17 at McKecks Tap and Grill. "It was such an overwhelming success then, we thought it was time to bring this inspiring, family-friendly musical back."

Maria, a nun searching for her place in the world, takes on the role of governess for a family of seven children living under the strict rules of widowed naval captain Von Trapp. Through the power of music and optimism, Maria begins to change the lives of everyone in the household, just as the Nazis begin their invasion of Austria.

*The Sound of Music* sold out when it was first performed in Haliburton and organizers said they expect an equally enthusiastic response over the 10 performances.

"This has to be one of the most crowd-pleasing musicals the world has ever enjoyed," Denton said.

Next up will be another well-known and beloved production: *The Importance of Being Earnest*, a comedic play written by Oscar Wilde, first staged in 1895.

"The script is one of Wilde's best, full of wit, satire, comedy and a biting commentary on the mores and manners of Edwardian England," Denton said.

Highlands Summer Festival describes the play as "one of the cleverest comedies by one of the greatest writers in the English language. ... Oscar Wilde's scintillating, hilarious work introduces us to Jack and Algernon, charming bachelors who are each living a double life, aided by a fictional alter ego called Ernest. But the two fall truly in love with a pair of proper young women, Gwendolen and Cecily – both of whom are partial to men named Ernest. Will Jack and Algy be able to bring an end to the charade and convince the formidable Lady Bracknell that they are suitable candidates for marriage?"

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This has to be one of the most crowd-pleasing musicals the world has ever enjoyed.

— SCOT DENTON, ARTISTIC PRODUCER

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Following *The Importance of Being Earnest* is *Lucien*, written and performed by Marshall Button. Lucien is an opinionated New Brunswick mill worker, a character developed by Button based on his experiences working in the paper mill in Dalhousie. Nearly 2,000 performances of *Lucien* have been staged across the country.

*Every Brilliant Thing*, by Duncan Macmillan and Jonny Donahoe, is scheduled to run July 27 to 31 and is an "uplifting play about depression and the lengths we will go for those we love," according to a press release. *The Guardian* called it "possibly one of the funniest plays you'll ever see" tackling tough topics around mental health and making those around us happy.

The season wraps with *Across the Pond*, celebrating 50 years of British music, featuring the songs of The Beatles, Elton John, Adele, Van Morrison, Annie Lennox, the Rolling Stones and more. Performed by Leisa Way and the Lonely Hearts Club Band. Performances begin Aug. 2.

Season passes are \$160, individual tickets \$37.50. For dates and times of all of this year's Highlands Summer Festival performances and to buy tickets, call 705-457-9933 or go to [highlandssummerfestival.on.ca](http://highlandssummerfestival.on.ca) and click on "buy tickets."

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# Homesteading becoming trendy

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

*The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Nov. 14 Minden Hills council meeting.*

There is an increasing trend of young families moving to the county and starting small farms, members of council heard from Larry Clarke and Jean Neville, also a Minden Hills councillor, as they made a presentation on behalf of Harvest Haliburton.

Clarke said young families are moving to the area because they want to grow their own food and raise their own livestock and that land, while perhaps not suitable for all agricultural purposes, is relatively cheap compared to other areas of the province.

"Homesteading has become kind of a fashion," Neville said. Clarke said because these new farmsteads are typically much smaller in scope than traditional farms – say, 10 acres as opposed to 50 or 100 – Harvest Haliburton is encouraging municipalities to review their zoning bylaws to ensure they allow for this smaller capacity form of farming, as well as policies and programming that support agricultural entrepreneurs.

"Young entrepreneurs, they need a bit of a leg up, and they need the township to help them," Clarke said.

A roundtable meeting, stemming from a food forum that took place in Minden in March, is set to take place at Abbey Gardens on Nov. 29.

## More than \$70K for cultural centre repairs

It cost more than \$73,000 for repairs at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, after pipes above what was then known as the Common Room burst last January, with the majority of that cost covered through the township's insurance policy.

As economic development, destination and marketing officer Emily Stonehouse told councillors, the repairs essentially took place in two parts; the emergency tear-down of walls, drywall, insulation, lighting, etc., that had been damaged or were at risk of developing mould, and rebuilding the room, which has been renamed the Welch Family Room, on the original footprint, but with brighter colours and energy-efficient lighting.

The township was responsible for \$10,000 as well as HST, leaving the bulk of the repair costs – more than \$56,000 – to be covered through its insurance provider.

## Winter sand relocated

While the winter sand that the Township of Minden Hills provides for its residents each winter has traditionally been located in the arena parking lot, with the construction of the new arena, the sand pile will be located near the parking lot near the Minden Curling Club this winter.

# County takes to Trip Advisor

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

Tourism director Amanda Virtanen presented the department's 2020 tourism marketing to the Haliburton County tourism committee on Nov. 13.

"We are looking at making quite an investment with Trip Advisor," Virtanen said of the popular travel website, explaining that would include the creation of a destination page for the county on the site. "We definitely need to be there," Virtanen said. "It would also really help our Google presence."

Along with continuing traditional marketing practices such as advertising on a variety of platforms, the plan includes a continued emphasis on digital storytelling by local stakeholders, and Virtanen said the county is looking for tourism operators to create short digital videos of the experiences they offer.

"These videos do not need to be onerous," she said, adding they could be simple videos shot with a smartphone.

The county will then distribute this content on various online platforms. "The focus of this operation would be on our adventure partners."

Virtanen said the department will offer one-on-one consultation and training for any operators who wish.

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The audience, comprised of all ages, was captivated during the Jack and the Beanstalk performance.



Jack and the Beanstalk

Jack looks over at his mother during the Jack and the Beanstalk performance staged by the Maritime Marionettes on Sunday, Nov. 17 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. The show is part of the Razzamataz show series. See [www.razzamataz.ca](http://www.razzamataz.ca) for more information about season's offerings of award winning and engaging performers./DARREN LUM Staff

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One of these gaps was readiness for school. Identified years ago, it remains a concern for many parents and teachers.

According to the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, 43.5 per cent of young children in Haliburton County are considered “vulnerable” in at least one area of physical health and well-being, social competence, emotional maturity, language and cognitive development, communication skills, and general knowledge. This means many children will face challenges in school and the community.

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School's Cool is a six-week kindergarten readiness program created by SIRCH to help children succeed in school and in life. In summer 2019, 30 children increased their developmental skills (language, math, psychological, social and self-help) by over one year in the six short weeks! School's Cool is perfect for children entering kindergarten, or for those who have not done so well in junior kindergarten and need a boost.

“We love the School's Cool program,” said a parent whose child recently participated in School's Cool. “Our child has learned so much in just a short time.”

“I have watched a few children who rarely spoke at the beginning, find their voices, and participate in group activities. They are much more self-confident,” said Lynn McGillivray, a retired kindergarten teacher who volunteered with School's Cool during summer 2019. “I would recommend the School's Cool program for any child going into kindergarten. I wish I had known about the program when I was teaching.”

As a non-profit charitable organization, SIRCH relies on the financial contributions of individuals and local businesses to help accomplish its mission. Each fall, SIRCH launches Gifts from the Heart as its community fundraiser.

“This is the eighth year of SIRCH's Gifts from the Heart campaign,” said SIRCH board president Barbara Fawcett. “While the campaign has evolved and grown over that time, ultimately it's about supporting a local organization that works in the local community for the betterment of local residents.”

Donating to Gifts from the Heart enables SIRCH to provide effective programs such as School's Cool.

To contribute to this year's Gifts from the Heart campaign, visit [www.sirch.on.ca/gifts](http://www.sirch.on.ca/gifts) or phone 705-457-1742. You can also visit SIRCH's offices Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., located at 49 Maple Avenue, unit 4, Haliburton, to make a donation in person.

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Garments designed and created by Heidi Hudspith are modeled at Fashion Fallies at the Haliburton School of Art + Design on Friday, Nov. 15. Hudspith won the Fringe and Flair Accessory Award at the event, which is organized by the Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands and featured the work of 34 designers. / DARREN LUM Staff

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Shelley Schell models the Haliburton Starry Night creation, as designed and created by Vicki Sisson, Susan Hay, Jacqui Clarkson, Katherine Dennison and Chris Lynd. The garment won the Finessed Fabrication Workmanship Award.



*SIRCH Community Services' annual community fundraising campaign*

# Gifts *from* *the* Heart



This year marks the 8th time SIRCH has held its Gifts from the Heart campaign. Over the years, your generous donations have allowed us to impact real needs in this county, like hunger, poverty and isolation. It's heartbreaking to know there are seniors right here in Haliburton County who have no food, families who have to decide whether to pay their rent or feed their families, or to know individuals who don't have warm winter clothing.

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"I rarely have enough food to get me through the month. I also have physical limitations that make preparing nearly impossible. At times, my fridge and freezer are completely empty. SIRCH meals are always healthy, made with real meat and vegetables. It's safe to say that I might not be here without them."

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# SIRCH Community Services - Gifts from the Heart

## The Need

Haliburton County is known for its beautiful natural settings, its vibrant arts scene, being a cottager’s paradise, and the generosity of its residents. But beneath all this is a surprising level of poverty and hardship that makes it challenging for some families to get ahead.

In Haliburton County, the child poverty rate is 23%.



This means children may not have adequate access to food, clothing, transportation, and other resources.

17.2% of all Haliburton County households are considered low income.



And Haliburton County has the second highest cost of living in Ontario! It's not cheap to live here. This impacts a family's ability to put food on the table, get to and from work, and provide heat, clothing, and other necessities of living.

## SIRCH Helps

For 30 years, with your help, SIRCH Community Services has been addressing challenges facing County residents by providing programs, training opportunities, and social enterprises that offer a hand up—not a hand out.



### Community Kitchen

Ken Mott of the Wilberforce Food Bank is well aware of the issues and challenges facing families in Haliburton County. “The food bank’s clients often struggle to access nutritional food,” he commented. “SIRCH’s efforts to provide meals that are tasty and nutritious makes a huge difference to people’s lives. Our clients really appreciate the food prepared by SIRCH’s Community Kitchen.”

Noni Richardson of West Guilford has been volunteering with SIRCH’s Community Kitchen for over 10 years. “Volunteering is my way of giving back to this great community,” Noni exclaims. “When I began volunteering, I met an exceptionally wonderful group of ladies. I truly enjoy the kitchen comradery.” Noni is one of many dedicated volunteers who cook and freeze nutritious, appetizing meals that are distributed through local food banks, community agencies, and SIRCH groups.

Last year, SIRCH’s Community Kitchen provided 3,600 nutritious frozen meals free to those in need.



### Apple Sauce Project

The Applesauce Project is an amazing community initiative that turns unused apples from local trees into apple sauce for seniors and families. Local residents donate apples from trees on their properties. A team of volunteers pick the apples. Other volunteers wash, cut, cook, process, package, and freeze the applesauce, which is then distributed through Meals on Wheels and local food banks—it truly is a collaborative effort.

In 2019, SIRCH and community partners made 1,694 containers of applesauce.

“The Apple Sauce Project is a great example of community partners successfully working together to ensure everyone in our community has access to fresh, local and nutritious food,” said Kate Hall of the Health Unit.

Visit [www.sirch.on.ca/applesauceproject](http://www.sirch.on.ca/applesauceproject) to watch a video about the Applesauce Project.

### Lunch Is On Us

From November through March, SIRCH offers a free lunch once a week in Haliburton Village, and a free lunch in Minden from March to mid-May. It’s our way of giving back to a generous community. Hearty, delicious food is served, and everyone is welcome. In both venues, the atmosphere is almost electric, as people talk and laugh and connect with old friends or make new ones.

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80% of Canadians over the age of 80 years feel lonely.



Haliburton County has the highest percentage of seniors of any county in Ontario. 1.4 million older Canadians currently suffer from loneliness. Prolonged social isolation is as damaging to health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day.

### School's Cool

"We love the School's Cool program," said a parent whose child recently participated in School's Cool. "Our child has learned so much in just a short time."

School's Cool is a six-week kindergarten readiness program created by SIRCH Community Services to help children succeed in school and in life. In summer 2019, 30 children increased their developmental skills (language, math, psychological, social and self-help) by over one year in the six short weeks! Perfect for children entering kindergarten, or for those who have not done so well in junior kindergarten and need a boost.

"I have watched a few children who rarely spoke at the beginning, find their voices, and participate in group activities. They are much more self-confident," said Lynn McGillivray, a retired kindergarten teacher who volunteered with School's Cool during summer 2019. "I would recommend the School's Cool program for any child going into kindergarten. I wish I had known about the program when I was teaching."



### Family Roots

"I volunteered with SIRCH in the mid-1990s. As soon as I heard they had a new pilot project for seniors, I wanted to participate," said volunteer Nancy Baker of Cardiff.

Family Roots trains senior volunteers in genealogy research. Volunteers are then matched with seniors who may be more isolated to help them research their own family trees while building personal and family connections.

"I learned a lot from the training sessions," explained Nancy. "But more importantly, I got to meet new people, people with similar interests, I've always loved working with seniors, so being matched with a more isolated senior has been a great experience. Helping her develop her family tree has been really rewarding—in fact, we learned we are distantly related! I've made a new friend!"

Visit [www.sirch.on.ca/familyroots](http://www.sirch.on.ca/familyroots) to watch a video about Family Roots.

## 2019 Gifts from the Heart campaign!





# Gifts from the Heart

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### Why I volunteer at SIRCH

“In the winter, it’s just me, my husband, and the snowplow driver,” laughed Maureen Blakelock of Redstone Lake. “Winter can be quite isolating. That’s why I volunteer with SIRCH—for the camaraderie, the sense of fun.”

Maureen volunteers with SIRCH’s Community Kitchen, the Family Roots pilot project, and the Apple Sauce Project.

“I love cooking. It’s rewarding knowing the food we prepare in the Community Kitchen will benefit people in need. It’s also a very social experience. It’s hard to think of just a single favourite moment—all the moments in the Community Kitchen are my favourite,” laughs Maureen. “I also love genealogy. Family Roots given me the chance to learn more about family research, and it’s given me the chance to socialize with my senior match.”

Visit [www.sirch.on.ca/support](http://www.sirch.on.ca/support) to learn about volunteering opportunities.



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am so grateful that I learned how to type (no comment on the Latin). Like riding a bicycle, it's a skill that you never forget. I'm not sure if typing is offered as a course anymore but if it is it should contain an

arm/hand stretching and strengthening component.

There are a number of repetitive use injuries from typing. One of the most common injuries is Carpal Tunnel Syndrome. It is

caused by pressure on your median nerve. The median nerve goes through the wrist by passing through a narrow path, the carpal tunnel. The carpal tunnel is made of bone and ligament. Any swelling in the wrist results in a squeezing of the tunnel and that pinches the median nerve. Symptoms including tingling, numbness, burning and pain.

There are ergonomic changes that can reduce the chances of you experiencing an injury from

spending too much time at the computer. However, the important point to consider is that spending too much time doing any one thing has the potential of causing some kind of overuse strain or injuries. Changing ergonomics can sometimes be like putting a Band-Aid on a broken arm. The best option is movement. Once again, exercise to the rescue.

Here are some simple exercises to do at your desk when your hands aren't on the keyboard (like when you're on a call or thinking):

- Squeeze a ball. Any kind of ball that fits in your hand will do. Squeeze with lots or a little pressure. Toss it from hand-to-hand. Roll it on the desk under one hand and then the other.
- Spread your fingers. Try that now. Just spread 'em as wide as you can. Doesn't that feel good?
- Wiggle your fingers. Imagine that you're playing the piano. Move each finger as if it is playing a key at a time.

The following exercises are more for wrists and arms. They take a bit more concentration. They are best done on the floor (on your hands and knees) but they can be done while standing at your desk.

- Place your hands on a flat surface (palms down) with your fingers pointed forward. Lock your elbows and lean forward to feel the stretch in your wrist and up your arm.
- Place your hands on the flat surface (palms down) again but this time point your fingers backward. Lock your elbows and lean back. There should be a stretch that travels up the inside of your arms.
- Place your hands on the flat surface with the back of your hand facing down (fingers pointing back). This is called the flipper stretch. If you can, straighten your elbows and lean back. If that is too much, just focus on getting into the position with your elbows bent. Try doing one hand at a time if that makes things easier. I have seen people do push-ups with their hands in this "flipper" position. I can't see that happening for me at any point in my future.

All of these movements will keep you in fine typing form ... or get you there. Don't fret if there is too much pain to start with. It will ease up. It will take a lot of time to undo all of the stiffness that has been established over the years of doing what you've been doing. Thankfully it won't take as long to undo the damage if you do the exercises every day.

Something to think about.

*Laurie Sweig is a certified personal fitness trainer and spinning instructor. She owns and operates The Point for Fitness. She can be reached at [laurie@thepointforfitness.com](mailto:laurie@thepointforfitness.com).*



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The Red Hawks senior boys' volleyball team, back row from left: coach Brett Caputo, Tyler Martin, Hunter Arnott, Liam Little, Logan Heaven, Zayden Crete, and Samuel Hoenow. Front row from left: Jacob Dobson, Carson Phillips, Brian Kim, and Bence Suranyi. Absent for the photo coach Justin Collins and Dustyn McCready-DeBruin.  
/Submitted by Brett Caputo, courtesy of HHSS Yearbook

## Senior Hawks reflect on volleyball season

by **DARREN LUM**  
Times Staff

An excited home crowd saw the potential of the Red Hawks volleyball program on display during the A Kawartha Championship loss to the Titans of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School.

The senior squad, which returned after what was more than a 20-year hiatus, pushed the perennial volleyball powerhouse Titans to the five set max, losing 2-3 (15-25, 25-15, 24-26, 25-19 and 9-15) on Tuesday, Nov. 5 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Head coach Brett Caputo was proud of his squad following the loss.

"The boys played great as a team and really surprised a strong team from St. Thomas," he wrote several days later in an email.

Caputo said among the Hawks' standouts were "Brian Kim who was virtually unstoppable in the middle and Liam Little with some key kills late in matches."

He added the team's narrow loss was the result of a lack of "serving consistency and an aggressive St. Thomas front line that was what put us out in the end."

"Overall we performed better than expected with a young roster in our first year in the senior division. Coach Justin Collins and I are looking forward to having a seasoned crew next year," he wrote.

The tournament ended with the Kenner Rams finishing first, earning a berth to the all-provincials. Second place was earned by the Titans and then Haliburton.

Caputo said the senior team plateaued when it came to individual play and development. However the expected infusion of junior players moving up next year will help.

Little is expected to be the lone loss for the seniors due to graduation while everyone else on the team is in Grade 11 this year. The juniors expected to join the seniors are Corin Gervais, Hunter Winder, Nick Phippen and Darian Maddock.

The juniors will be hungry to perform next year. Caputo said the juniors "under performed" in the Kawartha Championship from what he expected and also did not qualify for COSSA.

"We were fairly successful with last year's group during the regular season. Next year's focus will be to learn how to play as a team in a variety of situations. Team defence, offensive courage and team blocking. Our play at Kawartha was a pleasant surprise, but our mental toughness and decision making abilities will need to improve if we want to make it to the next level," he wrote.

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Red Hawks player Tyson Clements skates to the net, looking to elude his check during Kawartha High School Hockey League action on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Hawks easily won in a 7-0 rout of the Mustangs. Hawks goalie Carson Sisson earned the shutout while Brendan Coumbs scored the game-winner./DARREN LUM Staff



Red Hawks forward Lucas Haedicke puts the hit on a Crestwood Mustang player.

# Hawks take the kick out of the Mustangs

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*Answers on page 24*

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by **DARREN LUM**  
*Times Staff*

Everything went right for the Red Hawks boys' hockey team in their home and season opener.

With a buy-out for the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, there were plenty of hometown fans and peers, who supported the Hawks on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

There was plenty to cheer for, as the Hawks routed the visiting Crestwood Mustangs 7-0.

Hawks utility player Brendan Coumbs, who was playing defence in this game, scored the first goal minutes into the game, which was the eventual game-winner in the blowout.

The team was happy about starting the season with a win.

Although this year is expected to be challenging, due to having a young team, the team believed this win exceeded expectations.

Braeden Robinson added the insurance

marker close to four minutes after Coumbs for a 2-0 lead early in the first period. Robinson scored another to finish with two points.

Goals were also scored by Desi Davies and Lucas Haedicke. Coumbs scored the last goal to finish with a pair of goals and an assist, matching Haedicke. Assists also came from Tyson Clements and Reese Casey. Carson Sisson earned the shutout in the win.

Coach Jason Morissette said his presence between the pipes is great for the team, as he not only provides a solid anchor for the defence, but brings great maturity and composure to the fledgling team.

The team also fundraised for Heat Bank Haliburton County with a chuck-a-puck contest and raffle.

Totals are still being calculated.

The Hawks' next game is against the Wildcats of I.E. Weldon, which is scheduled to be held on Monday, Nov. 25 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. Puck drops at 4 p.m.

*PineStone*

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UPCOMING  
**Community  
Events**

Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at [classifieds@haliburtonpress.com](mailto:classifieds@haliburtonpress.com)

**Legion Breakfast**

When: Nov. 24 from 9 a.m. to noon  
Due to the power outage, the Wilberforce Legion will be holding a breakfast buffet. Pay by donation. 705-448-2221

**Come Play With Us: Theatre Seminar**

When: Thursday, Nov. 21 from 7 to 9 p.m.  
Where: Haliburton School of Art + Design  
An insightful look behind the scenes of Highlands Little Theatre and Rural Rogues Productions. Find out what's involved in performing onstage as well as what's going on backstage. Presentations by Amy Brohm, Kate Butler and Michael Clipperton  
Cost: Free. More information at [cfuwvh.ca](http://cfuwvh.ca).

**Speaker: Kate Butler, Haliburton Museum**

When: Thursday, Nov. 21, 1:30 p.m.  
Where: Haliburton Museum  
Presented by the Haliburton County Historical Society. Join us to hear Kate Butler, director of the museum, share her knowledge of the fascinating history of Haliburton County

**Holiday Market**

When: Nov. 22 and 23. Friday from 4 to 9 p.m., Saturday 10 to 6 p.m.  
Where: Pinestone Resort, 4252 County Rd. 21, Haliburton  
Over 30 unique vendors/Christmas minis/raffle table in support of Minden Food Bank  
Donations being accepted for Minden Food Bank

**Haliburton Village Carolling and Tree Lighting**

When: Friday, Nov. 22  
Where: In front of the Barn on Highland Street  
Time: 5:30 to 6:30 carolling, 6 p.m. Christmas Tree Lighting.  
Led by Gord Kidd and Friends, Brad Sales and Ian Pay.

**Highland Wood (Haliburton) Christmas Bazaar**

When: Friday, Nov. 22 and Saturday, Nov. 23 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Where: 7199 Gelert Rd., Haliburton (Attached to the Hospital)  
Proceeds go to Long Term Care Residents Council  
Bring the kids to the Highland Wood Open House on Saturday only from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. for a photo with Santa, hot chocolate and cookies!  
Donations of hand crafted, gently used re-gifts and silent auction items welcome and appreciated!  
Contact Alisha Lafleur 705-457-1392 ext 3238 or email [alafleur@hhhs.ca](mailto:alafleur@hhhs.ca)

**Poinsettia Luncheon**

When: Friday, Nov. 22, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Where: St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon Ave. Minden  
Soup, sandwiches, dessert, tea/coffee, bake sale, lunch by donation

**Christmas Sale**

When: Friday, Nov. 22 and Saturday, Nov. 23, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Where: The Book Nook at the Minden Hills Library  
Come and find some wonderful gently used books for Christmas gifts for those special book lovers on your list.

**Minden Health Care Auxiliary's**

**Christmas Lunch and Sale**

When: Saturday, Nov. 23, Noon to 3 p.m.  
Where: Hyland Crest  
Gift shop and bake sales, music and fun!  
Lunch tickets \$10 available in the Gift Shop and at the door.

**Gord Kidd and Friends, Brad Sales & Ian Pay**

When: Saturday, Nov. 23, 1 p.m.  
Where: Minden Hills Cultural Centre, Pioneer Church  
For more information: [www.gordkidd.com](http://www.gordkidd.com)

**Rails End Gallery Photo with Santa Claus**

When: Saturday, Nov. 23, 12 to 2 p.m.  
Where: Rails End Gallery  
Meet with Santa and have your photo taken, enjoy some snacks, crafts and take home a goodie bag.  
Brought to you by Rails End Gallery, The downtown Haliburton Business Association and the Haliburton & District Lions Club

**Ladies Auxiliary Sunday Breakfast**

When: Sunday, Nov. 24, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Where: Haliburton Legion, Main Hall  
Cost: \$6 Menu: Eggs or pancakes, bacon or sausage, hash browns, toast, orange juice, tea/coffee.



**Puck drop gets professional touch**

Former NHL player Walt McKechnie drops the ceremonial puck at the Novice Jamboree Future Stars Meet and Greet game on Sunday, Nov. 17 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. There were 11 teams and 160 players who participated in the tournament. The players were divided to make eight new teams and all played three games. Photo by Cheryl Hamilton.



**Township of Algonquin Highlands  
Stanhope Municipal Airport  
Events Committee**

If you have an interest in aviation and enjoy planning events, the newly established Stanhope Municipal Airport Events Committee is the Committee for you!

As a member of the Airport Events Committee you will assist with planning, promoting and hosting a variety of exciting events throughout the year being held at the Stanhope Municipal Airport. These events will be tailored towards community and aviation involvement.

If you are interested in participating as a member on the Airport Events Committee, please submit an expression of interest outlining your experience to Dawn Newhook via email at

[dnewhook@algonquinhighlands.ca](mailto:dnewhook@algonquinhighlands.ca)

or via mail to

Township of Algonquin Highlands  
ATTN: Dawn Newhook, Clerk  
1123 North Shore Rd.

Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1 by  
November 29, 2019.

Further information on the Stanhope Municipal Airport Events Committee can be found on the Township's website at [www.algonquinhighlands.ca](http://www.algonquinhighlands.ca) or by contacting Adam Thorn, Operations Manager at [athorn@algonquinhighlands.ca](mailto:athorn@algonquinhighlands.ca)

In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act and will be used only for candidate selection.



**NOTICE SPECIAL MEETING**

**2020 BUDGET PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES**

TAKE NOTICE that there will be a Special Meeting of Council on Monday, December 9, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss projects and priorities for the 2020 Budget. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers located at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands.

Dated this 20th day of November, 2019.

Dawn Newhook, Clerk  
Township of Algonquin Highlands  
1123 North Shore Road  
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# Tree lighting marks the season

## DORSET NEWS

Lee Ross  
burgesslt@me.com

Dorset's annual Christmas Tree Lighting is happening on Sunday, Nov. 24. Come decorate the Pavilion at 4 p.m. There will be decorations and ornaments to be hung. At 4:30 walk over to the Fire Hall for the tree lighting (with special guest), bonfire and carolling. At 5:30 there will be a social gathering the Rec Centre, followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and if you'd like more information you can contact the Rec Centre at 705-766-9968 or email recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca. This event is sponsored by the Dorset Lions Club, Township of Algonquin Highlands, Algonquin Highlands Fire Station 60, Dorset Community Partnership Fund and St. Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church.

From Dorset Lion Chris Keene: "The Dorset Lions would like to thank our partners for accommodating our bottle sheds on

their property. Your generosity has given us the opportunity to support more needs within our community than ever before. Thank you Algonquin Highlands Township, the Township of Lake of Bays, Mountain Trout House Marina and Old Mill Marina. And a shout out to all residents and cottagers that have supported our program that gives 100 per cent of all monies raised back to the community."

Some of the bottle money goes to supporting community health care. The Dorset Lions Club recently donated \$3,000 to the Dorset Health Hub. Other donations this year included Huntsville District Memorial Hospital and Hospice Huntsville. Thank you to the Dorset Lions for all you do in our community!

Lake of Bays Garden Centre is hosting a Christmas Centrepiece Workshop on Thursday, Dec. 5, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Dorset Rec Centre. The cost is \$50 per person. For more information or to register contact recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca or 705-766-9968.

Happy birthday to Mike Baum and Matthew Woods. For birthdays and submissions please send them to burgesslt@me.com.



## Bowling Scores

### Monday afternoon, Nov. 11

#### High Average (cumulative)

Women – Cathy Snell – 221

Men – Rick West – 228

#### This Week's Highs – Women

High Single – Cathy Snell – 246

High Single Hcp – Chris Cote – 271

High Triple – Cathy Snell – 676

High Triple Hcp – Chris Cote – 708

#### This Week's Highs – Men

High Single – Rick West – 239

High Single Hcp – Fred Phipps – 256

High Triple – Rick West – 633

High Triple Hcp – Fred Phipps – 700

### Thursday Afternoon High Scores for Nov. 14

#### Ladies:

High Average: Nancy Charlton 195

High Singles: Nancy Charlton 229

High Single w/hdcp: Debbie Cox 278

High Triple: Nancy Charlton 594

High Triple w/hdcp: Elli Welch 700

#### Men:

High Average: Doug Reinwald 195

High Single: Doug Reinwald 221

High Single w/hdcp: Gerry Wagg 259

High Triple: Doug Reinwald 596

High Triple w/hdcp: Gerry Wagg 698

### Haliburton Red Wolves Bowling Scores

Emily Boccitto 206

Andrew Bourgeois 203

Jeffrey Coulson 182

Kim Buie 171

Brodie Mason 156

Skylar Pratt 150

Casey Heley 150

## THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

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### NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION & PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT PLZBA2019054

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application to amend the Township's Zoning By-law No. 06-10 pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended. The site specific amendment applies to property municipally known as **1366 Hospitality Road** and located in Part of Lot 2, Concessions 13 & 14, in the Geographic Township of Snowdon (see Key Map below).

AND TAKE NOTICE that Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a public meeting to consider the application. The purpose of the public meeting is to provide the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on the proposed Amendment.

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The subject property is presently zoned Shoreline Residential (SR) and Rural (RU) with some areas zoned Hazard Lands (HZ) and is subject to severance applications H-006/19 and H-007/19. The purpose of the amendment is to change the zoning of the two severed lots to the site specific Shoreline Residential Exception Sixty-four (SR-64) zone to recognize a reduced lot frontage of 52m. (170'7"), and to update the extent of the Hazard Lands (HZ) on the property to reflect the findings of the Environmental Impact Study prepared in support of the severance applications. The re-zoning is a condition of the severance applications and would reduce the lot frontage of 60m. (196'10") otherwise required in the Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone.

#### DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING – PLZBA2019054

Date: Thursday, December 12, 2019  
Time: 9:00 AM  
Location: Municipal Council Chambers,  
7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street during normal office hours and online at [www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom](http://www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom). For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at [iclendening@mindenhills.ca](mailto:iclendening@mindenhills.ca) or by phone at 705-286-1260 (ext.206).

**ANY PERSON** may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

**IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED OF THE DECISION** of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to the proposed amendment, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of Minden Hills at the address below.

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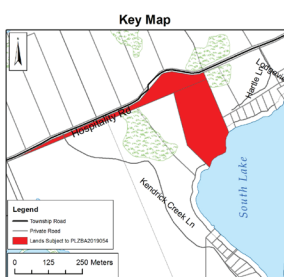
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DATED this 21st day of November, 2019

Ian Clendening, MPL, Planner

Township of Minden Hills, 7 Milne Street, P.O. Box 359, Minden, ON, K0M 2K0

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**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The subject property is presently zoned Residential Type One (R1). The purpose of the zoning by-law amendment is to change the zoning to the site specific Community Facility Exception Five (CF-5) Zone in order to permit the use of the property as a Day Care Centre as well as to allow for reductions in the required yard setbacks and parking requirements including 12m. (39'4") from the front lot line whereas 15m. (49'3") is otherwise required; 3m. (9'10") from the west side lot line and 6m. (19'8") from the east side lot line whereas 8m. (26'3") is otherwise required; and, to permit 6 parking stalls (1 accessible) whereas 12 stalls (2 accessible) would otherwise be required based on a proposed 89 m2 (958sq.ft.) addition to the existing 209 m2 (2,249.7sq.ft.) building. In regards to the parking specific amendments would allow parking to be located at a distance of 2m. (6'7") from the west, and 1.4m. (4'7") from the east, side lot lines and abutting the street line whereas 3m. (9'10") from a residential property and 1m. (3'3") from a street line are otherwise required and an exemption for the requirements to provide a loading space is also sought.

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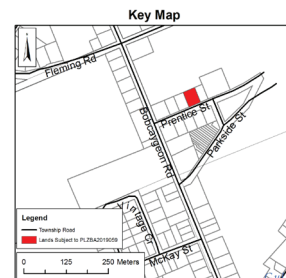
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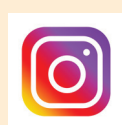
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Daughter of Milton and Marjorie Hie. Her memory will live on with her sister Ev Griffin, her sister and brother-in-law June and Jim Marshal, brother and sister-in-law Thomas and Jean Strizic, brother and sister-in-law Miran and Darryle Strizic along with many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.


Family and friends whose lives Nola touched are invited to The Bonnie View Inn, 2713 Kashagawigamog Lake Road, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0, for a Celebration of Life on November 22, 2019 from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Memorial donations to the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre Northern Cancer Fund would be appreciated.

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A Memorial Celebration of Pam's life will be held on Saturday, November 23rd from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home. For those who wish, Memorial Donations may be made to the Haliburton Highland Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0

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### Progress

Surprising progress has been made by Snowdon Townships citizens' group in their fight to keep a salvage yard out of their Gelert neighbourhood. Please see page 6.

### Chamber

The new board of the Chamber of Commerce has faced a busy first few days in office, passing 39 resolutions in total. Please see page 7.

### Retail outlet

Canada Post's bid to set up a retail outlet in Minden does not spell the end of its corporate office, say officials. Please see page 9.

### Tourism

Several factors will combine to hamper tourism in Ontario, says Tourism Minister Ken Black. Please see page 34.

### Juveniles win big

The Highlands Juvenile hockey team surprised many by winning their season opener. Please see page 31.

## Solid show of support for hospital

by Jay Kerr-Wilson

If the Ministry of Health didn't get the message last Wednesday, it's doubtful it ever will.

That's the feeling of the organizers of the public meeting dealing with the expansion of the Haliburton Hospital.

In a solid show of community support, more than 500 people packed the gymnasium at the high school in Haliburton to tell provincial representatives how they feel about the delay in funding for the 18-bed chronic care facility.

John Eakins, MPP for Victoria-Haliburton, and three representatives from the Ministry of Health attended the public meeting to listen to concerns from the community.

And what they heard were testimonials from 22 different people, all calling for the province to make good on its 1986 commitment to partially fund construction of the chronic care facility.

The speakers came from across the county and represented doctors, the clergy, service clubs, municipalities, teachers and students. And although differing in style and content, all

the speakers expressed a central theme: Haliburton County does not want another study, it wants the province to come through with the promised funding.

Eakins spoke briefly to the crowd before the presentations from the community began. He said it was encouraging to see so many people who care and are concerned about local health care services.

He stressed that he, along with the Ministry of Health representatives, were at the meeting to listen to the concerns and bring the comments they heard back to Queen's Park.

"I want to be right up front with you," Eakins told the crowd. "Yes we gave a commitment when we approved the (chronic care facility), and no, it has not been met, not as yet."

Eakins has never hidden from the fact that a commitment has been made, he said. "I don't like commitments that are made and not carried through."

Haliburton is not the only area that has had projects put on hold because of the provincial review of its previous commitments, said Eakins. "But one area is just as important as another."

The Premier appointed an independent council to advise the province on the direction that health care in Ontario should take in the future and Eakins said that evidence indicates beds alone are not the only measure. "I believe that whatever we build, we should ensure it's the right thing before the shovel goes into the ground."

Eakins provided copies of the five recommendations issued by the Premier's health council and said the focus must be on meeting the needs of the community.

Seventy-five per cent of the members of the local review committee, under the direction of the District Health Council, will be residents of the county, said Eakins. "Your views will be incorporated in the review process." He said the recommendations of the review, "must be implemented."

"Rural Ontario will not be second class," Eakins promised. He said areas like Haliburton are entitled to be served according to their needs.

However the community representatives who spoke after Eakins made it quite clear that they didn't need a review

(more on page 14)



A cold, wet wind blew as *The Last Post* was played on Saturday as part of the Remembrance Day ceremonies. Members of Minden Legion Branch 636 gathered at the Cairn to honour those who died

## Santa Claus is coming to Minden

The final confirmations with the North Pole have been made.

Santa Claus will be in Minden on Dec. 2 and the Lions are organizing a parade to escort him into the village in grand fashion.

Lion Bill Stackhouse made a call to the North Pole last Saturday to make the final arrangements for Santa's visit. Santa is looking forward to meeting all the kids in the area to prepare his Christmas list and is anxious to ride along with Rudolph and the other reindeer at the end of the parade.

Local businesses and service clubs are showing great support for the parade that will welcome Mr. Claus to town, said Stackhouse. At least 25 floats will

make the trek through the village that afternoon as part of the first Santa Claus Parade this community has hosted.

All the floats for the parade will gather at the corner of McKnight Drive and Main Street shortly after noon in preparation for the 1 p.m. start. The parade will wind along Main Street and end up at the Minden Curling Club, where the Kinsmen will have refreshments ready for all the participants.

Immediately after the parade, Santa will be taken back through town to the Fire Hall where, with the help of his elves and the Lions clowns, he will greet the children. The doors to the Fire Hall be open from 2:30 p.m. until 4 p.m.

Stackhouse and Lion Brian Moore said they are pleased with the response from the community towards this parade. Although it is being headed up by the Lions, they say this is a community event that involves most of the service clubs and many businesses.

The parade is designed to build the Christmas spirit in downtown Minden, said Moore, "but the bottom line is a good day for the kids."

Although a deadline to enter floats in the parade had been set, the organizers say they are willing to accept late entries. Anyone interested in participating in the parade should contact Lion Brian Moore at 286-4982 during the day. Lion Bill Stackhouse can be contacted at 286-2040 in the evenings.

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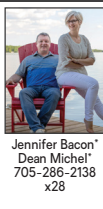
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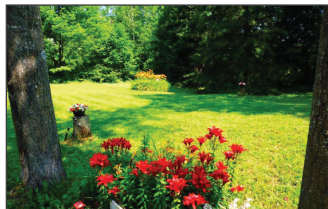
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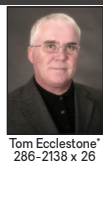
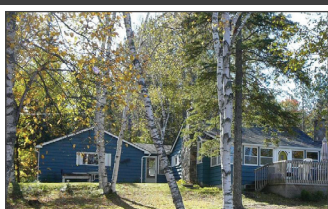
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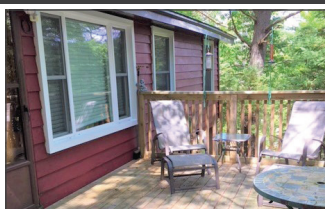
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### Upper Welch Lake \$299,000

- 4 season cottage on non-motorized lake
- Adjacent to 100s of acres of crown land
- Open concept, 2 large bedrooms
- Walkout lower level with rec room



Susanne James\*  
& Andy Mosher\*\*  
457-2128 x 33

### Miskwabi Lake \$949,900

- Over 4000 sq. ft home on 2-lake chain
- Double garage, log workshop and drive shed
- SW exposure, beautiful sand beach



Rosemarie Jung\*  
457-7049

### Kashagawigamog Lake \$549,999

- Level building lot on our 5-lake system
- Easy access off Wonderland Road
- Just 5 minutes from Haliburton



David Lee\*  
286-2138 x 27

### South Lake \$149,000

- Beautiful waterfront lot!
- 118 feet frontage, level,
- Driveway in, hydro at line.
- Area of nicer homes & cottages.



Brandon  
Nimigon\*  
457-2128 x 27

### Highway 35 \$185,000

- 84 acres with large frontage on Hwy 35
- In a designated Service and Business Area!



Karen Nimigon\*\*  
457-6505

### Ross Lake \$599,900

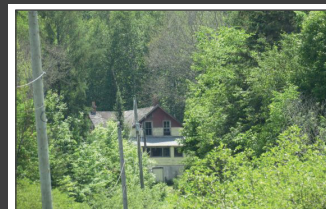
- Private 1.25-acre lot w/ 200+ ft water fr
- Custom designed 4 season cottage or home
- Pine Cathedral ceilings, wood frs, & more
- Outstanding chattel list, many upgrades!



Kirsten Rae\*  
286-2138 x 30

### Holmes Road \$30,000

- Partially cleared, half acre building lot
- Within walking distance to downtown Wilberforce
- Quiet residential area



Darlene Reil\*  
447-2055

### Century Farm Property \$329,000

- Almost 200 acres
- 3 bdrm, one bath home, dug well, septic
- Trails throughout, wetlands,



Christine Sharp\*  
286-2138 x59

### Building Lot \$74,900

- Beautifully forested & private 2+ acre lot
- Ski in trail to Sir Sam's adjacent to the property
- Just a short drive from the town of Eagle Lake



Greg Stamp\*  
457-2128 x 28

### Beautiful Family Home \$624,900

- Open concept main level w/stone fireplace
- 4 bedrooms + gym, master w/amazing ensuite
- Full unfinished basement, double garage
- Members only park & boat launch on 5-lk chain



Melanie Vigrass\*  
286-2138 x 32

### Minden Bungalow \$329,000

- Built in 2007, 3 Bedrooms/1.5 Baths
- Open Concept, 1575 sq. ft. c/air, generator
- Covered Deck, Level Lot, Garden Shed
- Walk to all Amenities, Near Snowmobile Trails



Tom Wilkinson\*\*  
286-2138 x 25

### Eagle Lake Village \$419,000

- 3 bath, 3+ bedroom home
- Close to skiing and public beach
- Private country setting



Andrea Wilson\*\*  
457-2128 x 25

### Redstone Lake \$675,000

- Beautiful 3-bedroom, 2 bath home or cottage
- Large windows & deck overlooking the lake
- Southern Exposure, sand beach on Redstone Lake

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